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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA - CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG

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1. AS INDICATED REF A, WE DO NOT WISH TO FORCE EXTENDED ARGUMENT WITH ROKG ON QUESTION OF ITS FORMAL POSITION WITH REGARD TO OPTION 3 (ROK DISASSOCIATION).

2. IN ANY REPLY TO MOFA, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS DECISION ON POSITION TO BE TAKEN AT 31ST UNGA MUST BE PRODUCT OF DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS. ROK VIEWS ARE AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN WEIGHT AND, IF CORE GROUP PROCESS IS TO HAVE ANY RATIONALE, IT WILL BE THAT DECISION REACHED WILL BE ONE ALL MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT.

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3. AT THIS STAGE WE ARE IN DISCUSSION ONLY OF VARIOUS

OPTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD TELL MOFA THAT WE SEE NO HELPFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY ISSUING PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS TO ROK UN FOR NEXT CORE GROUP MEETING. WE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT RIGID, NEGATIVE FORMULATION

OF THIS KIND WOULD BE DISTURBING AND POSSIBLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF ATTITUDES OF OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS.

4. RE MOFA REQUEST FOR VIEWS OF CORE GROUP ON STATEMENT OF APPEAL, BELIEVE REPORT ON MAY 11 CORE GROUP MEETING (REF C) PROVIDES FULL ACCOUNT.

5. RE MOFA REQUEST FOR UNGA VOTE ASSESSMENT, INDICATE THAT NONE CAN BE USEFULLY TAKEN UNTIL DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE ALSO INTEND TO MAKE CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK FOCUS FOR ASSESSMENT AND EXCHANGE OF ESTIMATES ON VOTING.

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